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DURING MY RETURN COURTESY CALL MAY 31, GDR AMBASSADOR HANS SCHARF MADE BRIEF REFERENCE TO HIS GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS SOVIET/CUBAN ROLE IN AFRICA. WHEN HE PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR OF SENEGAL WITHIN PAST TWO WEEKS, LATTER REXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF DANGER TO THE CONTINENT OF IMPORTATION OF FOREIGN IDEOLOGIES WHICH COULD ONLY BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE EVOLUTION OF AFRICA FOR THE AFRICANS. GDR AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS TO SENGHOR, AS GIVEN TO
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ME, REFLECTED VIRTUALLY VERBATIM VIEWS BY SENIOR ALGERIAN MFA OFFICIALS AS REPORTED IN ALGIERS 1737; I.E., THE SOVIET/CUBAN ROLE BALANCES WESTERN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA. SOVIET/CUBAN MILITARY ACTIVITIES DO NOT DIFFER FROM FRENCH INTERVENTION IN THE SAHARA AND ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA. WHEN THE FRENCH ARE ASKED TO ASSIST A GIVEN COUNTRY, THEY ASSIST. WHEN THE SOVIETS OR CUBANS ARE ASKED TO ASSIST A GIVEN

COUNTRY, THEY ASSIST. IF ONE DOES NOT CRITICIZE THE FORMER,
ONE SHOULD NOT CRITICIZE THE LATTER.
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